(b) whether Government are considering to call all party meeting to discuss and evolve a strategy to combat such attacks; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Although as per the provisions of the VIIth Schedule, List-II,—State List of the Constitution of India, Law and Order is a State subject, the Central Govt. has been sharing intelligence inputs and sending advisories and alert messages to the States from time to time. Detailed Guidelines for the Promotion of Communal harmony were sent to all the State/UTs. On 04-07-2000, a high-level meeting was convened with Home Secretaries, DGPs and DG/IG (Intelligence) of Govt. of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, U.P. and Orissa, where the issue of attacks on Churches were discussed. The State Govts. were urged to provide protection to the minorities particularly Christians and their institutions and to deal with firmly with the perpetrators of violence against them. The Govt. is committed to safeguarding the interests of the minorities, and to bring to book the perpetrators of violence against them.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Govt.

Inflammatory Speeches by Fundamentalists

1134. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that minority communities, especially the Christians of late, are becoming victims of atrocities by some extremist fundamentalists;

(b) whether the leaders of these groups are openly making provocative and inflammatory threats to the members of this community;

(c) whether these threatening statements are being published in the press and not denied by these fundamentalist extremist organisations; and

(d) if so, what action have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation and detection of crime as well as the prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

In the cases of series of bomb blasts in Church premises, which have takenplace recently in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Karnataka, after sustained investigations by the Central agencies as well as local Police forces, it has been established that an organisation called the 'deendar Anjuman', having links with Pakistan, is responsible. Nine culprits have also been arrested. Appropriate cases have been registered under the relevant provisions of the law by the concerned States.

(d) The activities of organisations/groups, having a bearing on peace, communal harmony, and security of the country are under constant watch of the law enforcement agencies and requisite action is taken where necessary.

Violent Activities of ISI

†1135. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having sufficient proofs regarding the involvement of ISI the secret agency of Pakistan in plotting the scheme of violent activities in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of bomb explosions/violent activities carried out by the ISI during the last three years and the number of people killed in such incidents; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to prevent the activities of ISI and other pro-Pakistani terrorits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Pak ISI has been sponsoring terrorism in the country and extending all kinds of support including weapons, financial

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